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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

- References: A. Book Dispatch 4132, 10 January 1965
 B. EGOW-4149, 21 April 1965
 C. EGNA-29305, 17 May 1965
 D. EGFA-41055, 3 February 1964

ACTION: None.

1. We appreciate the information forwarded in Reference C. This, combined with the discussion with [] during his recent visit to Headquarters has clarified our understanding of the ARABYSS problems. It is now apparent that even if more debriefing time were available that very little additional information could be gained. We now realize that the lack of accurate detail was not due to shortness of debriefing but rather it must have been due either to ARABYSS/1's lack of access or his lack of capacity to observe and remember. In essence, then, as a PI reporter, ARABYSS/1 is apparently producing at his maximum.

2. Reference A laid down the general criteria for continuing REDWOOD legal travel operations and Reference B applied the criteria to the situation in the German Station. Attachment B of Reference B eliminated most of the REDWOOD legal travel work, but ARABYSS was kept because it was believed that ARABYSS/1 might have access to priority targets in the cities where construction was planned. Specifically, Headquarters said: "... It is recommended that the ARABYSS operation be continued providing it provides access to the priority areas of" By implication, then, ARABYSS was to be continued as a REDWOOD legal travel operation for PI collection only if access was developed to priority targets.

3. It is agreed here that the personality reporting in Reference D on TDY FJSTRL technicians was very good. Currently, however, it does

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not seem probable that AEABYSS/1 will be able to furnish information on PCS FJSTEAL personnel--our primary interest in Germany. However, a loose Station contact would permit a monitoring of his knowledgeability on PCS FJSTEAL personnel and construction sites in the USSR. We do not feel that AEABYSS/1's current PI reporting is good enough to warrant continuing a close contact for PI collection alone.

4. We regret that you have not been informed about the disposition of AEABYSS reporting in the past year. Following is a list of the field reports together with a listing of the Headquarters reports numbers:

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| EGN-1956 | CELT-312/00942-64 |
| EGN-1960 | CS-311/04886-64 |
| EGN-1970 | CS-311/04889-64 |
| EGN-2007 | CSDB-312/00773-65 |
| EGN-2000 | CSDB-312/00348-65 |
| EGN-2070 | Not published |

Copies of the above published reports are being forwarded under separate cover.

5. The crux of our dilemma about AEABYSS/1 centers on his reporting of security devices at one installation. From a sensitive Headquarters source we have information at wide variance with information furnished by AEABYSS/1. We have discussed this problem with [] and we will forward in the near future some test questions to be used at the next debriefing.

6. At your next debriefing the primary objective, after checking on the priority questions from EGNW-16231, will be to obtain as full answers to the test questions as the debriefing situation permits. In addition, if appropriate, please try to determine if there has been any follow-up from the persons mentioned in the first four paragraphs of Reference D. In particular, we would like to know if there was any follow-up in the presumed CATIDE approach. AEABYSS/1 promised full details on that, but perhaps the meeting never came off.

7. We agree with your suggestion in paragraph 5 of Reference C concerning the briefings and debriefings.

Separate Cover Attachments:
As stated in para 4 above

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